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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced today that the City of Pleasanton is eligible for energy efficiency funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly referred to as the stimulus package. These grant funds are being allocated by the Department of Energy to help communities improve their energy efficiency and create jobs locally.

Pleasanton has been awarded an initial \$107,216 from the Department of Energy to develop an energy efficiency and conservation strategy and then is eligible for an additional \$585,484 to implement the strategy.

“I’m thrilled that Pleasanton is going to receive money for clean energy projects,” said Rep. McNerney. “These are the kind of innovative steps we need to develop a strong local economy that is leading the way with clean energy technology.”

“The funds that have already been awarded to the City of Pleasanton and the more substantial funding package that may follow will allow us to bolster renewable energy programs that are both underway and in the planning stages. This is consistent with the goal of the Mayor and the City Council toward becoming a more sustainable city,” notes Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho.

Pending the full award, Pleasanton would use the funds to develop a Climate Action Plan to conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gases; create an energy office to sustain long term energy efficiency; create a finance district to support resident and small business energy efficiency upgrades and solar installations; develop an energy efficient retrofit and rebate program for residents and businesses as well as an enhanced water conservation program.